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HEALTH ADVISORY

Request for Medical Assistance in Florida

North Dakota has received the following request through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact:

In preparation for Hurricane Ivan, Florida is requesting volunteers to work in shelters with people who have special needs. Specifically, Florida has need of the following:

- Four medical doctors (MDs)
- Ten advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNPs)
- Thirty registered nurses (RNs) or licensed practical nurses (LPNs)
- Four respiratory therapists
- Four social workers
- Sixteen clerical workers

The volunteers will work in special-needs shelters in St. Lucie County, Florida, and will replace nurses leaving Saturday morning (Sept. 11, 2004).

Please share this information with qualified personnel who may be willing and able to volunteer. To volunteer or to receive more information, please contact the following North Dakota Division of Emergency Management personnel:

- Kathleen Donahue at 701.258.6561 or 701.391.1225 (Saturday and Sunday)
- Emergency management react officer at 800.773.3259 (starting Monday)

Note to local public health units: Please forward this information to PHEVR volunteers.

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- Health Advisory provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.
- Health Update provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; no immediate action necessary.
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This message is being sent to local public health units, clinics, hospitals, physicians, tribal health, North Dakota Nurses Association, North Dakota Long Term Care Association, North Dakota Healthcare Association, North Dakota Medical Association, and hospital public information officers.